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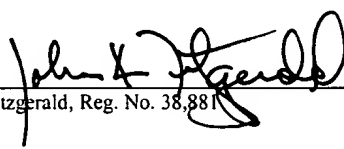
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The undersigned hereby certifies that the cited documents were brought to the Applicant's attention in an Office Action for a pending European application which asserts priority to U.S. Serial No. 09/922,473 ("473 application"), which Office Action was communicated on April 25, 2006, not more than three months ago.

The references cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application. The documents therefore are disclosed here in an abundance of caution, in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

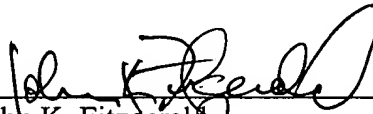
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Respectfully submitted,

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